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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Applicants submit herewith an Amendment. The fee for this Amendment is calculated below:

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Total Claims	35	35	0	50	0
Independent Claims	7	7	0	200	0
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No fee is required for this Amendment. However, if fees are required, the Commissioner is requested to deduct that fee from deposit account 500794.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

REMARKS

Applicants are merely adding two additional claims. These claims are supported at ¶0020.

In addition to the remarks contained in the Amendment and Declaration mailed to the USPTO on September 22, 2006, Applicants submit the additional comments and attached supplemental Declaration.

First Additional Reason Kanbe Teaches Away from Applicants' Invention

Page 2 of the Advisory Action cites Kanbe Figs. 5A and 5B as suggesting that one should add boron in an amount less than 2% to increase coercivity. Contrary to the Advisory Action, after discussing the data in Figs. 5A to 5B, Kanbe teaches directly away from Applicants' invention by instructing the use of *more* than 2% boron. See col. 24, line 46. This is because Kanbe does not achieve good noise reduction unless his boron concentration exceeds 2%. (Other portions of Kanbe teach directly away from